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1. AUGUST 1 DAILY NACION CAUGHT UP WITH REST OF PRESS (HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY DIVERTED BY DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF NEWSPAPER OFFICE) AND RAN SEVERAL ITEMS ON DELTA/FLOMERCA ISSUE, ALL ON INSIDE PAGES. PAPER PUBLISHED FLOMERCA AD AND SUMMARIZED SAN CARLOS UNIVERSITY DENUNCIATION (REFTEL). CAME UP WITH ONE-SENTENCE CLAIM THAT FOR PAST THREE DAYS REPRESENTATIVE OF FMC HAS BEEN IN TOWN INVESTIGATING. BIGGEST ITEM WAS REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH HEAD OF ARMAGUA, SECOND GUATEMALAN-FLAG LINE, WHO CONDEMNED INVASION OF GUATEMALAN SOVEREIGNTY; ASSERTED ARMAGUA WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY USG INVESTIGATION; AND FORESAW THAT ANY REPRISALS TAKEN BY USG AGAINST GUATEMALAN SHIPPING TO US WOULD BE EXTENDED TO SHIPPING OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES HAVING PROTECTIONIST LAWS FAVORING THEIR MERCHANT MARINES.

2. AFTERNOON LA HORA JULY 31 HAD BRIEF FRONT-PAGE ACCOUNT
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OF MOTION IN CONGRESS BY OPPOSITION CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS SUP-

PORTING POSITION OF FLOMERCA AND CALLING FOR NEGOTIATION
OF DIFFERENCES WHICH WOULD RESPECT RIGHTS OF COUNTRIES OF
THIRD WORLD. MOTION NOT PUT TO VOTE AS RIGHTIST PARTIES
(PID AND MLN) NOT SURE HOW TO REACT AND THEREUPON WALKED
OUT, DEPRIVING CONGRESSIONAL SESSION OF QUORUM AND CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATS OF OPPORTUNITY TO UNFURL POPULAR BANNER.
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